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Stephanie,

My apologies for the delay

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## Sitrep # 2

-11am ATSDR 8 conferenced with CDPHE Environmental Epi to determine if they would respond to a request from SJB Health Department about new EPA data. Response: CDPHE will only evaluate its own data using screening values previously discussed with EPA and ATSDR.

-1000 EPA held meeting with Regions 8, 9 and 6 to agree on screening values that will be used to look at all data.

-1200 SJB Health requested assistance from CDPHE and ATSDR to assist with a general health and river water fact sheet for the public using SJB HD logo. Fact sheet was put on hold due to EPA Admin surprise visit.

-1400 EPA Admin Addresses press and makes the following statements (not sure if there was a press release about this)...in preparation for this, EPA convened a meeting for immediately after with tech specialists in various fields.

- EPA takes full responsibility for the event.
- There will be a full internal and external independent investigation of the event and the response mechanism.
- There will be a hold on these mine adit inspections until procedures can be evaluated
- EPA has data from Aug 7,8,9 indicating that the Animas river has returned to pre-event

levels, but that unified command would provide information required to reopen the river.

EPA Administrator met with EPA and START staff. EPA OHS officer Lisa Lloyd introduced “ASTDR” Rep Chris Poulet. EPA Administrator said “ Thanks for being here. We love you guys. You are always helping us with those public health messages.”

End report.

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